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Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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To Chairman Genachowski and the Commission:

I am very pleased to share my view and the views of the many of the people of Coal Run Village, Kentucky, with you regarding the 11-65 proceeding concerning AT&T's application to acquire T-Mobile. Based on the facts presented, this matter is very straightforward to me. If it delivers faster, more reliable high-speed wireless service to more people nationwide, then I am all for it. The goal of delivering universal broadband will receive a major boost with this merger and it will move our community and the entire nation forward.

The deal will allow AT&T to combine network resources with T-Mobile and invest more capital in infrastructure. That will help them reach places like Coal Run, which has been historically underserved by a host of utility and communications providers due to our relative isolation and rough terrain. But true 4G mobile broadband will eliminate many of the geographical obstacles; and although we are small, we are very in tune with technology and how it can help make for a more efficient and productive government and business community.

Please think of all of America's rural communities—from the Bible Belt to the Great Plains to right here in Appalachia—when you are deliberating on this issue. I hope that you find that universal access to mobile broadband a compelling enough reason to let this deal go through. Thanks again for your open mind and also your commitment to the country.

Cordially,

C. LaVerne Dye
Mayor of Coal Run Village, KY

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